(b) The Government does not have any information in this respect.

Small Scale Drug Units

2206. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the name of the authority which look after the interest of small scale drug units;

(b) whether this authority monitors the production of bulk drugs and formulations; and

(c) if so, how and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Office of the Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) under the Ministry of Industry and Company Affairs looks after the promotion and development of the small scale units. This Ministry plans and regulates the functioning of Drugs and Phamaceuticals industry in its totality including the small scale sector.

(b) and (c) Efforts are being made by this Ministry to monitor the production of essential bulk drugs in the organised sector.

Procurement of drug by Ex-FERA Companies

2207. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity, source, price at which procurement has been made of drugs delicenced recently on yearly basis by ex-FERA companies for the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that in most of the cases the suppliers are small scale companies; and

(c) if so, what will be the effect on their maketability?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c) The number of consignments in which the delicenced bulk drugs have been purchased from various sources, including Small Scale Companies, by ex-FERA companies during the last three years, yearwise runs into thousands. Time and efforts involved in collecting the details as asked for would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Sub-standard drug manufactured by I.D.P.L.

2208 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in Blitz Weekly dated the 11th May, 1985 regarding poor quality of IDPL's products;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 18th June, 1985 regarding adverse reaction after administration of Sodium Thiosulphate injection manufactured by IDPL to victims of Bhopal gas leakage tregedy; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) With regard to Soddium Thiosulphate injections, referred to in the Times of India article, the State Government has intimated that tests conducted on the samples supplied to People's Clinic, Bhopal did not indicate that the ampules were faulty or sub-standard.

The Blitz article refers to supplies made by IDPL to the Defence authorities being not up to the standard. According to IDPL the supplies conform to the pharmacopoeial specifications, and they (IDPL) are attempting to make supplies to defence authorities to the latters satisfaction.

Small Scale Drug Producers in Orissa

2209. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of medicines produced in the small scale industries in Orisa;

(b) what is the policy of Government to help small scale industrialists to thrive in competition with multinational companies;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa is not purchasing the medicines from the small scale producers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Data relating to production of medicines by the small scale units in Orissa is not available.

(b) Small Scale Units are exempted from licensing under the provisions of I(D&R), Act. They are free to manufacture any permitted bulk drug if such manufacture is technically and commercially feasible within the investment limit fixed for small scale units.

(c) and (d) State Government have their own policies regarding procurement of medicines from small scale units. This Ministry is not aware as to whether Government of Orissa is not procuring medicines from small scale units.

Ex-Factory value of bulk drugs

2210. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the ex-factory value of production of bulk drugs and formulations of drugs manufacturing companies having foreign equity during 1979-80 and 1984-85 as well as of companies having no foreign equity including public sector; and

(b) what were the names of the bulk drugs for which commercial production was commenced by drugs companies having foreign equity and companies having no foreign equity during the period 1979-80 to 1984-85 alongwith the production of each drug by each Sector?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) As per the 1978 Drug Policy the ratio of the value of bulk drugs to that of formulations is 1:5 in the case of FERA Companies and 1:10 in the case of Indian Companies. To the extent information available these are being followed with the exception of the following companies:—

Fera : M/s. Smith Kilne & French [illegible]

Ex-Fera : M/s. Abbott Laboratories (I) Pvt. Ltd.

M/s. Warner Hindustan Limited;

Others : 1. M/s. Chowgule and Company (I) Pvt. Ltd.
2. M/s. Dev's Medical Stores (Mfg.) Ltd.
3. M/s. Amritanjan Limited.
4. M/s. J.L. Morison & Jones (I) Ltd.
5. M/s. Orient Pharma (P) Ltd.
6. M/s. Dabur Limited.
7. M/s. Roussel Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (33% foreign equity)
8. M/s Miles (I) Ltd. (40% foreign equity)